

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to an information processing apparatus adapted for processing contents provided by contents distribution service. To contents distributed by a contents server (12), a sublicense which prescribes utilization conditions of the respective contents is added. From a license server (13), a main license which prescribes utilization condition of the entirety of contents distributed via channel that user contracts is provided. When it is instructed that contents are reproduced, reproduction of contents is permitted at a receiver (15) in the case where utilization conditions prescribed by the sublicense and the main license are both satisfied.